

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

June 8, 2009

TO: Internal File

THRU: April Abate, Lead *QAW 4-9-09*

FROM: Joe Helfrich, Biology *JH*

RE: Annual Raptor Survey Commitment at GVH Sites, Andalex Resources Inc., Centennial Mine, C/007/0019 Task #3266, Internal file

SUMMARY:

On April 20, 2009 the Division received an amendment from Andalex Resources Inc. to change their Raptor Survey commitment for the GVH sites as a result of the closure of the Centennial mine. This memo will include a review of that information.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

GENERAL CONTENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: Pub. L 95-87 Sections 507(b), 508(a), and 516(b); 30 CFR 783. et. Al.

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 784.21; R645-301-322.

Analysis:

Appendix X, Chapter 3, Section 322.200, Page 3-4 has been revised to delete the requirement to conduct aerial raptor surveys of the GVH wells. The mine is no longer producing coal, (operations were terminated in May of 2008), and the portals have been sealed.

Findings:

The revisions to this section of the MRP are adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The amendment is recommended for approval.